

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2009 in which claims 1-45, 55 and 56 were allowed; in which claims 50 and 53-54 were objected to and in which claims 46, 48, 49 and 51 were rejected. With this response, claims 50 and 53 are canceled; and claims 46, 51 and 54 are amended. In particular, independent claims 46 and 51 are amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to claims 50 and 53, respectively, to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-46, 48-49, 51 and 54-56 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

I. Rejection of claims 46, 48-49 and 51 under 35 USC 102(b) based upon Simmons

Page 2 of the Office Action rejected claims 46, 48-49 and 51 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Simmons US Patent Publication 2003/0001921. Independent claim 46 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 50. Independent claim 51 is amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 53. Accordingly, claims 46 and 51 overcome the rejection and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 48 and 49 depend from claim 46 and overcome the rejection for at least the same reasons.

II. Conclusion

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-46, 48-49, 51 and 54-56 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to

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Respectfully submitted,

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